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RICHARD W. WIEKING
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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ORDER DISMISSING CASES

Plaintiff, a federal prisoner proceeding pro se, filed the 55 civil actions listed above against a variety of defendants. A federal court must conduct a preliminary screening in any case in which a prisoner seeks redress from a governmental entity or officer or employee of a governmental entity. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a). In its review, the court must identify any cognizable claims and dismiss any claims that are frivolous, malicious, fail to state a claim upon which relief may be granted or seek monetary relief from a

1 defendant who is immune from such relief. See id. § 1915A(b)(1),(2). Pro se pleadings
 2 must, however, be liberally construed. See Balistreri v. Pacifica Police Dep't, 901 F.2d
 3 696, 699 (9th Cir. 1988).

4 In an order filed January 2, 2008, the Court dismissed 22 prior cases filed by plaintiff
 5 because they were frivolous. The Court further noted:

6 Within the past two months, plaintiff has sent to this court approximately 160
 7 different civil complaints setting forth similarly improbable, if not impossible,
 8 allegations and frivolous claims against a litany of defendants.^[1] Plaintiff has
 also filed frivolous cases in other federal district courts, prompting one United
 States District Judge to make the following finding about plaintiff's filings:

9 It is not clear whether these outlandish pleadings are products of actual
 10 mental illness or simply a hobby akin to short story writing. Whatever their
 11 origin, and though they are amusing to the average reader, they do nothing
 more than clog the machinery of justice, interfering with the court's ability to
 address the needs of the genuinely aggrieved. It is time for them to stop.

12 Riches v. Simpson, et al., No. 6:07-cv-1504-Orl-31KRS, slip op. at 1-2 (M.D.
 Fla. Sept. 24, 2007).

13 See Riches v. Giambi, No. C 07-6156 MJJ (PR) (N.D. Cal. Jan. 2, 2007). Consequently, the
 14 Court restricted plaintiff from filing any civil complaints in this Court without payment of the
 15 full statutory filing fee. See id.; see also Riches v. Simpson, slip op. at 2 (requiring plaintiff
 16 Jonathan Lee Riches to pay full filing fee at time of filing any future complaint); Riches v.
 17 Schiavo, et al., No. 8:07-cv-1730-T-17TBM, slip op. at 2 (M.D.Fla., Sept. 26, 2007) (same).

18 The complaints in the above-listed cases must be dismissed because they set forth
 19 claims and allegations that are clearly irrational, baseless or frivolous, including, *inter alia*,
 20 claims that an employees of the Chattanooga Times Free Press are not providing him with
 21 doctors to "fix [his] weight loss" and "wont give [him his] sunlight" (Case Nos. C 08-0558
 22 MJJ (PR) & C 08-0560 MJJ (PR)); against "Godtube.com" because plaintiff cannot go to
 23 church on Sundays (Case No. C 08-0559 MJJ (PR)); and against actor Omar Epps for
 24 "paying for" prison guards to shoot plaintiff if plaintiff leaves prison (Case No. C 08-0561
 25 MJJ (PR)). See 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915A(a), 1915(e)(2); Denton v. Hernandez, 504 U.S. 25, 32

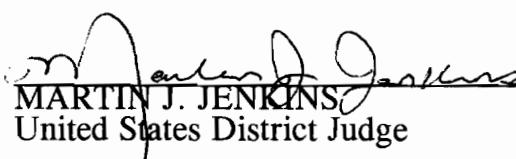
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 28 ¹It has since become clear that the number of cases received from plaintiff is closer to
 300.

1 (1992). In addition, the claims set forth in the above-captioned cases are not cognizable
2 because they are brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against defendants who are not state actors.
3 See West v. Atkins, 487 U.S. 42, 48 (1988) (holding that a § 1983 claim may only be brought
4 against defendant acting under color of state law); see also 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915A(a),(b)
5 (requiring district court to review prisoner complaints and dismiss any that are frivolous,
6 malicious, fail to state a cognizable claim for relief, or seek monetary relief from
7 defendants immune from such relief). Lastly, plaintiff has not paid the filing fee in
8 connection with these cases, as required by the January 2, 2008 order quoted above.

9 Accordingly, the above-listed cases are hereby DISMISSED, and the Clerk shall close
10 the files.

11 IT IS SO ORDERED.

12 DATED: 1 / 30 / 2008


13 MARTIN J. JENKINS
United States District Judge

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JONATHAN LEE RICHES,

Case Number:

Plaintiff,

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

v.

PERLA TREVIZO d.b.a. CHATTANOOGA
TIMES FREE PRES, et al,

Defendant.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California.

That on January 31, 2008, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing said envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle located in the Clerk's office.

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Dated: January 31, 2008


Richard W. Wiking, Clerk
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